

Maister D. his councell, to all

that are his: as also a briefe lesson
for all estates.

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of a woorish
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GODLY
priuate prayers for
housholders to meditate
upon, and to say in their
families.

M A R K . 11.24.

*¶ What so euer ye desire when
ye praye, beleue that ye shall
haue it, and it shall bee done
vnto you.*

R O M . 10.13.

*¶ Whosoever shall call vpon the
name of the Lorde , shall bee
saued.*

Psal.55. verse.16.

¶ I will call unto God, and the
Lorde will saue me: Euening and
morning and at noone will I pray and
make a noisē, and he wil heare my
voyce.

Godly priuate prayers for
houholders to be saide in
their Families.

A prayer conteyning the effect of the
Houholders Catechisme.



Almighty God and most merci-
full Father, I see in thy blessed
lawes and commandementes,
the greatnesse of my sinnes and
wickednesse: yea, I see (O Lord
my god) the whole course of my
life to be almost nothing els, but a continuall
breaking of thy holy lawes and commandementes. The
thoughts of my harte, either in vanitie, or els open
wickednesse, are in number infinite, daily in the
abundance of them, causing my mouth to speake,
& my body to execute and do contrary to thy holy
will. And againe (O Lord) I see thy heatie wrath,
vengeance, and iudgment against sinne to be intolle-
rable, that euen the least wicked thought and most
secreat cogitation of my harte, procureth thy heauy
wrath, and euerlasting curse, the tormentes of hell,
and euerlasting fire, euen although I had but once
in all my life broke any of thy commandementes,
so much as once in thought. And I know (O Lord
God) that thou art true and iust, & canst not abide
sinne and wickednesse, but wilt iustly punish euery
sinne, euen with the selfe same tormentes of hell
whiche thy iustice hath appointed, euen for euery

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sinne

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sinne. This O Lord my God throweth me downe
and euen amafeth me; so that I knowe not what to
do. I looke into my selfe, vewing mine owne pow-
er, whither I am able to ouercome this punishment
of my sinne or no: and I see that al euē the most ex-
quisite punishment which I can devise to my selfe,
in whipping of my body as long as I liue, wearing
haire cloth, pineing my selfe with fasting, or any
other paine, I see, I see (O Lorde) that all this pu-
nishment is not sufficient for one of my least sinnes
because it deserueth euen the everlasting paines of
hell. I looke to Heaven, I see there is no Sainte nor
Angel able to abide and ouercome this punishment
of sinne : I looke to men in this worlde, euen to
the Popes treasure, that wicked man of sinne, and
I see ȳ neither his masse nor purgatory, pilgrimage,
pardons, penance, satisfactions, nor any of such
like wicked stufte, alas I see they are nothing for
the satissfyng for one of my least wicked thoughts,
Seeing the punishmente is by thy iuste decree and
sentence thine everlasting curse. Wherefore I am
driven out from my selfe, and all that I can do, to
seeke this punishmente discharged other where, or
else to quall vnder the burthen . . . I see there is no
healpe for me in Angels, Saintes, nor mortall men,
but onelie in that perfecte man Christe Jesus thy
deere sonne, in whome I see the full punishment of
my sinne wholy payd, satissfied, discharged, and ou-
ercome: death vanquished, the paines of hel in victo-
rie swallowed vp, the curse satissfied, and the eter-
nitie of the punishmente (through his everlasting

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power) ouerreachead : This I see(O Lord) by the eyes of faith, being through thy holy spirite wholy assured, that all the whole punishment of sinne payd by my Sauiour Christ , is not onely payd for other men, but euē also for me and my sinne. This assurance of my faith, being thine onely woork in me, I beseech thee in mercy to strengthen & increase , for I feele it often ful of wauering & doubting. Graunt that I may daily more and more in my soule and conscience, feele my selfe knit and grafted into the body of thy sonne, whereby I may be assured, that whatsoeuer He hath done, pertaineth to mee, and is fully & wholy mine: that I may through the power of his death, feele daily sinne die in me , and thorough the power of his resurrection feele my selfe risen from sinne, to haue my full ioy and comforte in those things which be agreeable to thy holy wil, vtterly detesting, hating, and abhorring from my hearte althings which be contrarie to thy will and pleasure : that euē in this life I may still looke for this endlesse ioy and felicitie, vsing the thinges of this worlde , as though I vsed them not, till that good time that it shall please thee to call mee to thine euerlasting Kingdome of Glorie , there to reigne with my Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ for euer and euer. Amen.

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A prayer vpon the Lordes prayer.

*Our father
which art in
heauen.*

O Moste mighty Lorde and eternall God, who hast by thy deere sonne Christe Iesu our Lord and Sauiour, reconciled vnto thy selfe all things in heauen and earth, and in him haste made an euer-lasting bond and couenaunte with vs thy faithfull children, that thou wilst not onely be our God, but also our moste louing and mercifull Father, whereof as a pledge thou hast giuen vs thy holy Spirite of adoption, whereby wee may with boldenesse and ful trust and cōfidence come to thee by harty praier, as vnto our moste louing and mercifull Father, being assured that thou wilst not deny vs any thing which thou knowest shalbe expediet for vs: graunt we beseech thee(deare Father) that wee being fully persuaded in our harts of this thy fatherly loue and affection towards vs, may be sturred vp to make our petitions with suche an affection, ardent desire, loue and reuerence to thy maiesty, that our mindes be not carried away with bythoughts creeping in; but without all wandering may be fully bente and attentiuе to the thing we aske, and fully staide vpon thy merciful and iuste protection.

Holowed be thy name. **W**e then beseech thee(deare Father) that thou wilte strengthen our heartes with thy holy Spirite, that considering thou hast made all things for the glory of thy Name, so wee may in al our dooings, enterprises, counsels and purposes, chiefly aboue all things seeke thy Glorie: that wee may fully acknowledge thee not onely the Authour of all things,

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thinges, but the ruler, guider and gouernour of all thinges, both in Heauen and earth: that we neuer diminishe thine incomprehensible Glory, by attributing vnto our selues any power, strength, or aabilitie to do, wil, or think that which is good: but from our harts we may acknowledge all our goodnessse to come from thee, yelding for the same continually prayse and thankesgiuing to thy glorious Name: that we neuer by distrusting thy mercifull prouidence, dishonour thy Name, but that euē in our greatest distresse we may put our ful confidence in thee, not looking vpon our weaknesse, but staying vpon thy power and promises, by harty prayer fleeing vnto thee our onely refuge: that our whole life may be so framed according to thy holy wil in al points, that thy glorious Name in vs may be sanctified, and that we be not an occasion that thy holy Name be blasphemed through our wicked life and conuersation.

10 Let thy Kingdome (most mercifull Father) appeare, and manifestly be declared in all the worlde, *Thy kin-*
but especially amongst thy Churche, and faithfull *dome come.*
flocke: declare thy selfe Lord and King ouer them, ruling them by the scepter of thy holy woorde, and force of thy holy Spirite. Increase the number of faithful Pastors and Preachers amongst the people: blesse their labours to the increase of this Kingdome of thy deere Sonne Iesus Christ, and to the destruction of the kingdome of satan and antichrist. Suppresse the rage of the enimies, that they may knowe that thou, O Lorde, doest reigne

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in all ages, to the behoofe of thy Church and ter-
our of thine enimies. Grāt these mercies good lord,
not onely to the whole Churche in generall, but
especially to euery one of vs thy Children parti-
cularly: Graunte that we may effectually feele
the force of this thy Kingedome in our heartes:
Beate downe in vs our olde corrupt Adam, with
all sinfull delights, thoughtes, motions, and de-
sires: and renew in vs day by day our spiritual and
inwarde man, that we may be wholy bente to de-
light, thinke, desire, and do those thinges whiche be
acceptable in thy sighte.

*Thy will be
done in earth
as it is in
Heauen.*

Frame our heartes (good Lorde) with suche
humble obedience to thy holy will, that we may
be heartily wel content with whatsoeuer it pleaseth
thy goodnes to lay vpon vs: that wee never cease
in our miseries, but continually call vpon thee by
hearty prayers, although wee feele no release at all,
yet that still patiently we may abide, and quietly
waite for thy good leysure and appointed time of
deliueraunce, when thou knowest it shall be moste
expedient for vs.

*Give vs this
day our dai-
ly bread,*

Graunte vs, deere Father, that al our counsels,
studies, labours and endeuours, being by thy holy
spirite guided and framed, wee may euery one in
that vocation in whiche thou haste placed him, so
faithfully trauaile, to the discharging of our con-
sciences, and edifying of thy Churche, that our ac-
compt may be founde acceptable before thy throne
and Iudgement seate. So blesse our labours and
trauels, that we may haue sufficient for the preser-
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uing of this present life , and be content with those
benefites whiche thou shalt bestowe vpon vs, whe-
ther they be many or fewe, acknowledging them
to be receiued of thee: not greedily to care for them
or vainely to delight in them, but thakfully esteeme
of them, as thy benefites bestowed vppon vs, and as
faithful Stewards moderately to vse them, to the re-
liefe of our brethren, and the discharge of our con-
sciences .

Increase in vs (good Lorde) the gifte of faith, that wee may daily more and more in our soules and consciences bee assured, that our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted out, and couered with the full, perfecte, and sufficient sacrifice of thy deare Sonne Christ Iesu our Lorde and Sauiour once made for vs: that we are vntited, knit, and made one bodie with him, partakers of his righteousnesse, iustification, and holinesse, and euuen fellow heires with him of euerlasting life: that wee may vnfainedly from the bottome of our hearts loue thee for this thine vnspeakable goodnesse and mercie: forgiueing from our hearts our brethren which doe offend vs, pray for them, loue, cherishe, and comforte them as fellowe members all of one body, with perfecte naturall loue and compassion linked together to our head Christe Iesu.

Strengthen vs, good Lorde, with thy holy spi-
rite, that we be not ouercome with the subtile sug-
gestions and sinneful motions of satan the diuell:
holde vs vp with thy mercyfull hand that we sleepe
not in sinne, that we be not drawen away with the
Lead vs not
into tempta-
tion.

B.i. wicked

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wicked worlde, nor the enticementes of the flesh, to
delighte in wickednesse: but so arme vs with thy
mighty power, that we may strongly abyde all
the assaultes and subtile sleightes of our ghostly eni-
my, and sincerely to walke before thy face, both in
prosperitie and aduersitie, to thy honour and glo-
ry, the health of our soules, & profit of thy Church,
through Iesus Christe our onely Lorde and Sau-
our. Amen.

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¶ The Lordes prayer more at large.

O Moste mighty and eternall God, who of thine
infinite loue to mankinde, hast giuen vs thine
owne eternall sonne Christe Iesu our Lorde, to be
made man for vs, in the similitude of sinnefull
flesh, to become flesh of our flesh, bone of our bones,
in all things like vnto vs, sinne onely excepted: who
being thy true and naturall sonne, hath made vs
with him, sonnes, children, and heires to thee our
moste mercifull Father, giuing vnto vs by grace,
that which is his by nature: And by his due, alone,
once offered, sufficient sacrifice, hath payd the raun-
some of our sinnes before thy diuine Maiestie, to
satisfie thy iustice vpon sinfull flesh. Whiche debt
being payde for vs, he hath broughte vs in fauour
with thee, so that wee may now with boldnesse and
truste come to thee as vnto our moste merciful and
louing Father, with full assuraunce, that as thy loue
is so much greater and more excellent towardes vs,
then all loue of earthly Parentes towardes their
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children, as thou passest all men in goodness and mercy, so thou wilte denie vs nothing which shall be expedient for vs. So that although all the fathers which are in earth, hauing shaken off all feeling of fatherly naturalnesse, woulde forsake their children, yet thou wouldest never forsake vs, because thou canste not denie thy selfe: who promisest, that if earthly fathers being euill, can giue good giftes to their children, how much more wilt thou our heauenly Father, beeing altogether goodness it selfe, giue good thinges to them that aske in thy Sonnes name? And that although a mother should forsake her children, yet wilt thou not forsake vs thy children, whome thou haste before the beginning of the worlde in thy deere Sonne Iesu Christe, chosen to be thy children and heires with him of thine immortall Kingdome. Whereof that we in our selues mighte be sure and certaine, and out of all doubte that wee are the children and heires of euerlasting life, thou haste giuen into our heartes thy holy Spirite, as a true pledge and earnest of our inheritance, whiche Spirite doth assure our spirites that we are thy children, and therefore crieth in our harts Abba Father.

Wee therefore as thy deere children, rauisched and boughte by thy deere sonne, flee to thee our moste louing and mercifull Father, who in goodness art infinite, in mercy abundant, in substance incomprehensible, in immortalitie euerlasting: who by thy mightie power and singular prouidence rulest all thinges, according to thy hea-

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thy name.

uenly wisedome: beseeching thee for thy deere sonne
Christ Iesus his sake, yas thou hast sufficiētly sette
forth thy glorious Name in making the whole
worlde, heauen, earth, and al things therein contain-
ed: so we may in beholding and viewing thy crea-
tures the works of thine handes, be lifted vp to thee
our Lord God the Creatour and Maker, and in
them, glorifie thy holy name, acknowledging in
them thy singular goodnesse and loue towardes
man, for whose vse thou haste created all thinges,
both in Heauen and earth: and that we may for the
same, euen from the bottom of our harts, yeeld due
honour, praise and thankesgiving to thee (deere Fa-
ther) all the dayes of our life. Graunte moste merci-
full Father, that wee may in hart and minde be ful-
ly assured, that thou by thy heauenly prouidence
ruleſt and guideſt all thingſ in heauen and earth, ſo
that nothing in the whole world commeth to paſſe
but according to thine appoyntrmente: that thou
guideſt and frameſt the affaires and doings of men,
that thou haſte euen their harts and all their powers
in thy merciſfull hande, to turne them whiche way
ſoeuer it ſeemeth best to thy godly wisedome: ſo
that whither wee be in proſperitie or aduersitie, we
may acknowledge both of them to be thy worke
in vs, and therefore be no leſſe thankful for ſickneſſe
then for health: for ſorrowe, then for comforte: for
a troubled mind, then for a quiet: for imprisonment
and banishmente, then for libertie: especially ſeeing
we know that ȳ turneſt them all (ſeeme they neuer
ſo ſharp) to the comforte and cōmodity of thy chil-
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Adren which feare theet: and that in al things whiche shall befall vnto vs, whither they be grecuous or ioyous, ptoesperitie or aduersitie, life or death, thy holy Name may be sanctified in vs by yeelding due and continuall praise and thankesgiving to thy eternall Maiestie: that wee neuer cease to put our ful truste and confidence in thy mercy, who haste promised to be our defender, buckler, and shielde, to keepe vs as the apple of thine eye, to deliuer vs when we call vpon thee, to open when we knock, to giue when wee aske: that we knowing our owne weakenesse, that of our selues we haue no power or strength to do, no not so muche as to will that whiche is good, wee may acknowledge all our strength, comforte, ioy, faith, loue, hope, and confidence to be thine on-ly gifte and woorke in vs. And for the same, and the increase of the same, and for all thy benefites in vs, whereof we feele our selues destitute, we may constantly flee vnto thee by harty prayer, requiring the same at thy mercifull hande. And hauing felt thy mercifull dealing towardes vs, we may alway to the end of our life continue thankfull to thy blessed Name: that wee neuer speake or thinke of thee (O Lord God) without high reuerence and an obediēt feare vnto thy Glorious Name.

And that thy kingdome (O Lorde) may more gloriously shime amongst men, subdue the hearts of the people to be obedient to thy woorde. Ligh-ten all nations with thy glorious Gospell: raise vp faithful ministers of thy woord; abundantly in e-very place, who with pure and perfect zeale in true

*Thy king-
dome come.*

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knowledge may feede the hungry soules with the foode of life. Lighten the harts of thy children, whome yet thou haste not called to the feeling of thy mercies in thy sonne reuealed. Beate downe the furie and rage of the kingdome of satan and antichrist with all tyrants, who shewe their vtter malice and furie against thy deare and faithfull flock. Confounde their deuises, suppresse their pride, and so strengthen all thy true and faithfull seruauntes againste their rage, that they may haue true wisedome to confound their enimies, and steadfast constancie to professe the truth of thy glorious gospell, cuen to the death. And that euery one of vs may feele the force of this thy kingdome particularly in our selues, wee beseeche thee kill in vs, by thy holy spirite, all wicked delightes of sinne, and vanities of this worlde. Mortifie in vs our earthly and carnall affections, and graunte that wee may haue our full delighte and pleasure in thee our Heauenly Father, and in thy sonne Christe Iesu our Lorde and Sauour, and reuerently embrace thy holy Woord, that our soules may be comforted therein, and our faith thereby confirmed. Lighten our vnderstanding, that we may in thy holy woord learne, and in heart be fully assured that thou art our most merciful Father: and thy deere Sonne, our Lorde and Sauour. Beate downe in vs all sinnefull motions of the aduersarie, whiche do rebell againste thy holy spirite, and settle and frame our mindes by thy holy spirite in vs, that all rebellion in our fleshe being killed, wee may quietly with stayed mindes and consciences

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ces sette our full ioy, conforte, and consolatiōn in heauenly thinges, walking before thee in sinceritie of mind: put our ful trust and confidēce in thee, rest, and quiet our selues wholy in thy mighty protection and prouidence.

And forasmuche (O Lord God) as of our selues wee be nothing but stubbernesse and rebellion, wee beseeche thee (deere Father) that as thine Angels in heauen doe willingly obey thy Will without resistance, so wee thy children in earth (all stubbernesse and peruersnesse, by thy holy spirite, in vs being vtterly extinguished and quenched) wee may willingly submit our selues, resigne and yeelde our whole affections to thee O Lord, to be gouerned after thy blessed and heauenly Will. That we may feele in our selues no other motion or desire, then a meete consentē to thy holy Will: that whatsoeuer affections in vs fighte against thy holy Will, thou wilt vtterly make them voyde. That wee neuer will any thinge of our selues, but that thy holy Spirite in vs may gouerne our heartes, by whome inwardly being taughte, wee may learne to loue, embrace, and take conforte in those thinges that please thee, and to hate those thinges that displease thee: That our heartes, mindes, and willes, beeing wholy subdued to thy moste blessed Will, wee may willingly bee contente with that estate of life, which it pleaseth thy goodnesse to excercise vs withal in this world, whither it be in aduersitie or prosperitie, in sickness or health, in ignominie or glorie, in quietnesse or trouble, in sorrow or gladnesse. Graūt vs, deere Father

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ther, this willing and patiente minde, that euen in our greatest distresse wee may be content with thy good will, and not to murmur or grudge againste thy Maiestie, knowing that thou wilte lay nothing vpon vs, but that whiche shall turne to our goodnesse or profite. And that wee may patiently abide whatsoeuer it shall please thee to lay vpon vs: that we be assured in our heartes, that thou wilt not lay more vnto vs, then thou wilte giue vs strength to beare, and euen in our greatest afflictions, wilte finde a way for our deliueraunce, and that thy power and strength is more fully declared, when wee feele our selues vterly voyde of all strength, and see no way of deliueraunce: that we may in our most grieuous assaults, conflicts, and anguishe of minde, submitte our selues wholy to thy blessed will, and looke for our deliueraunce at thy hand, when thou knowest it shalbe moste expedient for vs, and most for thy glorie, leauing the time and meane of deliueraunce to thy good Will and pleasure, and that in the meane time wee never cease but call vpon thee, by hearty prayers, continually as thou haste commanded, vntill suche time as thou shalt heare our petitions. And although after many and sundry callinges vpon thee, thou seeme not to regarde vs, but rather deale more extreamely with vs: yet notwithstanding strengthen vs so with perseuerance in prayer, that we faint not, but stil continue in prayer, being assured, y although we feele our selues nothing released, yet wee may quiet our selues herein, that wee as thy children haue layd our complaints, grieves,

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gties and sorrowes in the bosome of thee our heauenly Father, who wilt as a louing Father, whē he seeth it moste conuenient, healpe vs. And that although thou seeme nothing to graunte our requestes, yet wee honour thee in calling vpon thy Name: seeing thou doest accepte it as a moste chiefe honour, to bee called vpon in the day of trouble.

And forasmuche (deere Father) as thou doest by thy mighty power, nourish, feede, sustaine, preserue, and maintaine all liuing creatures, yea, euen the verie yong fowles and beastes, wee beseech thee to sende vnto vs thy children, (ouer whome thou haste a more speciall care) all thinges necessarie for this our present life: that wee hauing sufficient, may walke euery one in our calling, in sinceritie & pure holinesse before thy face, acknowledging all our benefits of richesse, wealth, health, meate, drink, apparell, and all our substance to bee thy mere gifts, bestowed vpon vs, and deliuered vnto vs from thy handes: that wee bee not drawen from thee through setting our mindes to muche vpon them, but so moderately vse them, as thy benefites for a time bestowed vpon vs, knowing that thou wilte at our handes require an accompte howe wee haue vsed them. That wee do not carefully gape or seeke after them, but discretely to thy glorie vse them, acknowledging in them thy goodnesse & liberalitie towardes vs. And seeing (moste mercifull Father) that it is not our traualle, labour, paines, studie, or endeouour whiche is able to gette vs our liuing, but

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Onely in so muchie as it pleaseth thy goodness to blesse and prosper them : wee beseeche thee that if through our create trauailes and paines, we be yet still in poore and meane estate, that thou wilte giue vs a contented hearte, knowing that thereby thou lettest vs vnderstande, that it is thy good will and pleasure so to keepe vs vnder, that wee more effectually may giue our selues to serue thee. Or if it bee thy wil and pleasure more abundantly to blesse vs and our trauaile, to sende vs aboundinge of all thinges, wee beseech thee (deere Father) giue vs a thankfull hearte to acknowledge them to bee thy good gifts: and frame our hearts with such liberalitie that we may be contented to distribute them according to the necessitie of thy children, beeing assured that thou haste to that end made vs Stewards ouer them, that thou mayest at his handes require muche, on whome thou haste bestowed muche: so that wee hauing the due estimation of thy benefites whiche wee oughte to haue, may both reverence thy goodness in thy benefites, and supply the want of our brethren, to the relief of their necessitie, and furtheraunce of thy Glory.

*Forgive vs
our trespass-
ses, as we for-
giue them
that trespass-
se againste
vs.*

And whereas (moste mercifull Father) thy Sonne, our Lorde and Sauiour Christe Iesu hath in our nature payed the raunsome and debte of all our sinnes, whiche wee haue from the beginning of our life committed, and do daily committe, we beseeche thy gratiouse goodness that thou wilte by thy holy Spirite in our hearts, assure our soules, and consciences with a lively faith, that by that same one

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one alone sufficient sacrifice, the punishment of our sinnes is payed, thy wrath appeased, and thy iustice satisfied, whereby our consciences may be quieted and set at peace with thee our mercifull Father and God. Let vs, deere father, feele in our soules and consciences, that wee are vnited and knitte to thy deere Sonne Iesus Christ, and made one body with him, and heires with him of euerlasting glorie, so coupled and ioyned with him, that wee are members of his body, so that what so euer he hath done in his body, we may be assured that it is ours: that his righteousnesse, is our righteousnesse: his sanctification and holinesse is ours: the curse, condemnation and death which he suffered, is the same curse, condemnation, and death due for our sinnes: that wee knowing that our sinnes bee done away, and cleane forgotten and forgiuen by thy mercifull loue & goodnesse declared, in offering vp thy sonne to death for vs, wee may be driuen to loue thee vnfaynedly from the bottome of our heartes for this thine vnspeakable loue. And considering that thou haste in mercy pardoned so many our hainous offences, wee may gladly be moued to forgiue one another their offences, and put out of our hart al rancour, malice, and hatred towarde our brethren, knowing that wee are all members of one body Christe our Sauiour: that so surely as wee haue forgiuen al them that offend against vs, wee may be so certainly assured, that thou our mercifull Father, haste forgiuea vs, like as we haue forgiuen our brethren.

C.ii.

And

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Leade vs not
into temp-
tation, but
deliver vs
from euill.

And forasmuche (moste heauenly Father) as wee of our selues be feeble, fraile, and weake, and haue a strong and subtile aduersarie satan the diuell, who goeth aboute continually like a roaring Lion seeking whome he may deuour : wee beseeche thee strengthen vs by thy holy spirit, that we may withstande his subtile suggestions and motions : holde thou vs by thy mercifull hand, and keepe vs alwaies in thy safegarde and protection, that wee bee not ouercome in the mighty assaultes of our aduersarie.

And forasmuche as he often vseth euен our owne fleshe armed againste vs, to conquer vs, wee beseech thee deare Father, mortifie, subdue and kill in our fleshe all subtile suggestions, and sinnefull motions of satan, that we yelde not our selues as slaues therunto, but continually fight againste them, and bring them into subiection of the spirite. Graunt vnto vs, deere Father, that wee bee not drawne through the subtiltie and sliely tormentes of satan, to haue our delight and pleasure in the vanities of this presente world, but by thy Grace, might and power, may so in the prosperitie of this life be vpholden, that our mindes with full ioy and comfort may be lifted vp to our perfecte consolation in our Lorde and Sauour Christe, and in him, take our full and perfecte ioy & consolation, so that no vaine delight of this worlde put vs from the same, neither any sharp aduersitie, as pouertie, miserie, or calamitie, through the malice of the diuell, driue vs to despaire of thy mercifull goodnesse towardes vs: but alwayes beeing through thy grace and assistance defended, wee may be fully and perfectly armed againste all the

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subtile intrappings of satan, and reste wholy in thy merciful defence and ayde. For thou haste (O Lord and eternall God) in thy gouernement, all things in heauen and earth, all power and dominion ouer all creatures, Angels and diuels, to rule them according to thy good pleasure and will, to the profite and commoditie of thy churche, and euery faithfull member thereof, and to thine owne incompreensible glorie: in all thinges, in all ages, for euer and euer thy glorious name may bee exalted, and thy faithfull flocke edified thorough Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A confession of sinnes with faith
and repentaunce.

O Mercifull and heauenly Father, wee thy seruauntes do humbly prostrate our selues before thy Maiestie, acknowledging here in thy sighte our haynous offences committed agaist thy Maiestie, seing & beholding thy heauie wrath agaist them: wee feele our selues laden (O Lord our God) with a huge companie of horrible sinnes, whereof euen the very leaste, beeing but conceiued in thoughte, is sufficient in iudgement to throwe vs doun to the euerlasting burning lake. Our owne consciences, O Lorde, do beare witnesse agaist vs, of our manifolde transgressions of thy blessed lawe, of our securitie & senselesse blindenesse running headelong to destruction, committing sinne after sinne, althoough not notorious to the woорlde, yet horrible

C. iii. before

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before thine eye. The thoughtes of our heartes rise
vp in iudgments against vs: the vanitie of our talk
before thy maiestie condemneth vs: the wicked-
nesse of our deedes from thy sight reiecteth vs: all
our wicked thoughtes, woordes and deedes, with
the inward corruption of our nature, do alto-
gether as it were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne, lye
heauy vpon vs, and with their intollerable weight
do euен press vs downe to hell. Wee do daily
grome vnder the burthen of them, inwardly lament-
ing our owne folly so greedily running into them.
In Heauen, earth, or hell, wee see none able to su-
staine the weight of them, but euен thy deereley be-
loued Sonne Iesu Christe, who in mercy infinite,
and compassion endlesse, hath sustayned and ouer-
come that endlesse punishmente due vnto them: in
him therefore, in him, moste mercifull Father, and
through him wee come to thee, beeing fully assured
according to thy promise, that thou wilt accept and
take that ful recompence which he thy deere sonne
hath made for vs, as a iust ratifome for all the sinnes
of all those whoe with a true faithe take holde
on him. In him therefore wee see thine anger to-
wardes vs appealed, thy wrath satified, & our debts
payde.

Increase in vs, good Lorde, wee beseeche thee,
this lively and feeling faithe, for wee feele it often
times in vs very weake, and troubled with many
doubtes: increase it in vs (O Lorde) that wee may
through thy holy spirite bee assured, that the punish-
ment of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne discharged.

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Make vs, O Lorde our God, to feeke this same in
our soules and consciēces, that Iesus Christ is ours,
and all that he hath done: that wee are grafted into
his body, & made one with him, and therfore fel-
lowe heires with him of euerlasting life. Lette vs
not onely haue these wordes in our mouthes (good
Lorde) but through thy holy Spirite lette vs feele ^{re 3. 2. 1. 2. 3.}
the comfort of them in our heartes fully sealed and
settled in vs: that wee feeling our selues inwardly
before thy iudgemente seate discharged, and our
consciences towardes thee appeased, may be swal-
lowed vp with an vnfained loue towarde thy Hea-
uenly Maiestie, and towardes our brethren for thy
sake. Make sinne to die in vs daily more and more,
that wee may hate, detest, and vterly abhorre all
sinne and wickednesse in all men, but especially in
our selues: that wee may strongly through thy ho-
ly Spirit set our selues in open warre and defaunce
against all sinne and wickednesse: that wee please
not our selues in our sinnes, but streightly examin-
ing sinne by the iuste rule of thy holy Lawes, wee
may vterly from the bottome of our heartes con-
demne euен the least sinne in our selues, hauing our
whole ioy, comforte and consolation vpon those
thinges whiche bee agreeable to thy blessed will, al-
wayes beeing afraid to do any thing contrary to the
same: that wee may euен from the bottome of our
heartes, examine and trie our thoughtes, before thy
presence, that they bee vprighte and vnfained, not
hypocriticall in outward shewe onely and appear-
ance, but that euен all corners of our heartes being

C.iii. ope-

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Opened and disclosed before thee, wee may even
as though it were openly before the face of the
whole worlde bring them in shewe, knowing that
a double heart is detestable in thine eyes: and y^e we
may walke alwayes as before thine eyes, ~~not onely~~
~~before the eyes of man~~, being ~~more~~ carefull to walk
circumspectly, in this respecte, that wee haue thee
to be a viewer of our dooings, a thousad fold more
then the eyes of man: that thus wee may walke as
becommeth thy children, not onely in outward
shewe, but also in sincerite of heart, abhorring even
the leaste sinne in our selues, striuing, resisting and
fighting againste sinne, not delighting our selues
in sinne, nor nourishing the same in our breste, but
earnestly embracing, and studiously seeking after
those thinges whiche bee pleasante in thine eyes: y^e
neither the feare of man, nor losse of goods, life, lads
possessions, or friends drawe vs away frō thee, to do
any leaste thing contrarie to thy will and pleasure:
neither the fauour or friendshipp of man, nor yet
the flattering enticementes of this worlde, nor the
vaine promotions of the same do moue vs any
whitte from the true and endlesse ioy, delighte and
pleasure whiche wee ought to haue in those things
whiche bee agreeable to thy will, and the constante
performance of y^e same: but that alwayes to the end
of our life we may continue in thy pathes, growing
and increasing from faith to faith, from strength to
strength, til at length wee shall come to thy euerlas-
ting rest. Amen.

*beginne at the 5th line
and we say not onely pray*

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A prayer

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enwob a **Prayer for the estate of the whole Church.**

O Lorde our God and Heauenly Father, for as
much as by thy holy word wee are command-
ed in our prayets not onely to be mindefull of our
selues, but also of all others thy children, yea euen
of our enimies: wee commend vnto thy Maiestie
all thy whole true and catholike Churche, and euer-
y member thereof, that as it hath pleased thy good-
nesse by the brighte beames of thy holy woorde, to
shyne ouer the whole worlde, whereby thou hast
expelled, driven away, and caused to vanishe the
darke and mistie cloudes of ignorance and super-
stition, so thou wouldest vouchsafe by thy holy
spirite to touche the heartes of men, that they may
ioyfully embrace that thine so high a treasure sente
amongest vs, that through our vnthankfulnesse we
prouoke not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from
vs. Crush, bruise, and destroy with the breath of thy
mouth, the mightie power of that man of sinne,
whiche so proudly exalteth himselfe aboue all that
is called God. Let not thy simple flocke (deere Fa-
ther) in whose consciences he of long time hath and
yet doth sitte as G O D, bee any longer poysoned
with his sweete enticeing poysons: but so lighten
their heartes, that they may perceiue his iuglynges,
and embrace the sweete and comfortable doc-
trine of life euerlasting, reuealed in thy Glorious
Gospell.

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And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee in mercy aboue all nations of the earth, to powre downe the sweete showers of thy Heauenly Graces vpon this our Englishe nation abundantly, in more plentifull wise watering the same with the gistes of thy holy Spirite, in promoting thy Gospell, and ouerthrowing idolatrie, wee beseeche thee continue thy fauour towarde the same, and vtterly roote out all remnantes, reliques and monumentes of idolatrie, that thy Glorious Name may be thoroughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and holy worshippe. And as thou haste in mercy from amongst vs in this thy Churche, vtterly banished all false, venomous and poysonefull doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Children heretofore have bene wounded to death, and in place thereof haste placed the true and comfortable doctrine of life euerlasting, wherewith the soules of thy children bee fedde and nourished to euerlasting ioy: so in like mercy and fauour wee beseeche thee, deere Father, establish in the same thy Church, a true, perfecte, and sincere regiment thereof, according to the prescripte rule of thy blessed woord, all fantasies of mans braine, and dreames of humaine policie vtterly abolished: that thy glorious Maiestie onely may bee exalted in the lighte of thy glorious Gospel: & that thy Churche may flourise and increase, beeing through thy protection ayded, supported, maintained and defended: we beseech the by thy holy spirit, guide & rule euery part & member therof, especially thy seruant ELIZABETH our Queene, whome thy gratiouse fauour and

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and mercifull prouidence hath appointed a chiefe member in the same: vnder whole winges next vnto thy protection it hath a chiefe succour and supporte. Graunte vnto her, O Lorde, a pure and perfecte Zeale, aboue all things to promote thy Glorie first and chiefly in labouring and endeuouring of her selfe earnestly in wiping away and purging out of thy Churche all blots and deformities, to reduce the same to a pure and sincere fourme of worshipe, agreeing to thy blessed woerde, vtterly to remoue all stumbling blockes which stay and hinder the course of thy Gospel: giue her in like manner O Lorde, the spirite of wisedome, discretion, and gouernement, that with equitie and iustice shec may see this whole Realme, whiche thou hast committed to her charge, peaceably and quietly gouerned: that shec may studiously labour, that as wel thorough the whole Realme vertue be exalted, & vice abandoned: as especially in her owne house and court, that all wicked vanities of this worlde, al licentious and inordinate life, all flattering and disimulation beeing vtterly banished, the feare of thy Glorious Maiestie may so reigne in the heartes of all withinia her palace and courte, that their liues and conuersation may bee agreeable to thy blessed wil, in sincerite and true holinesse and integritie of life, that from them, as from the heade, may shine purtie of life and conuersation, as an example and patterne of true Godlinesse to the whole Realme. Preserue her, we beseech thee good Lorde, from all conspiracies and treasons, that if it bee thy good

D.ii.

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wt she may haue a long and quiet reigne ouer vs,
to the benefite of thy Churche, and the aduaunce-
ment of thy glorie. Indue the whole counsel, good
Lord, with true and perfect wisedome, that in all
their cobfultations and counsels, hauing thee pre-
sent before their eyes, they may consulte of those
thinges which principally and chiefly may be for
the aduancement of thy glorie, & the cōmoditie of
thy churche, and next for the quiet peace and gra-
cious gouernment of this realme. So lighte alſt
ſerour Magistrates of this Realme, good Lordes,
with the brightness of thy holy Spirit, that vnder-
standing thy wil, they may zealously defend, main-
teine and further the course of the Gospel with the
ſword of justice, cut off the wicked, and cheriſh the
godly. v. b. i. u. p. m. d. l. o. r. d. c. v. l. l. i. t. o. h. i. i. m
Defende and gouerne, by thy holy Spirite, the
Pastours of thy Churche, and labourers in thy vi-
neyard, that they may zealously, earnestly and di-
ligently feede thy flocke committed vnto them,
with the foode of life thy blessed word, wherewith
their ſoules may be nourished to Life Euerlaſting.
Increase the number of them, deere Father, place
ouer euery flocke a godly, learned & painful Pafe-
tor, who may painfully and carefully trauail euery
one in his charge, to bring thy people (which nowe
alas in moſte partes do wander and go astray like
loſte ſheepe) to the true knowledge of thee their
Lord and God, and of thy deare ſonne Christe Ie-
ſu their Sauiour. And for thy mercie, we beſeeche
thee, to take pitie vpon thy poore and ſimple flocke;

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roote out all rauening wolves, which haue craftily crept into thy sheepfolde and do make hauocke of the soules of thy simple flock. Cast out al hirelings, time servers, & dumb dogs, which to fill their bellies only, haue thrust themselves among thy sheep, & do pitifullly suffer the flock of Christ thy sonne, to be deauoured and scattered of the woolfe. Stirre vp, good Lord, and place in their roomes faithfull sheepheardes, which diligently, painefullly, carefully and earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke to winne the soules of thy people, out of the tyranie and power of satan, to the freedome of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu our Lorde.

DO And that thy Churche may better be furnished with Godly learned Pastours, we beseeche thee prosper and increase in all Godly knowledge, all Schooles of learning, especially the two Vniuersities Cambridge, and Oxforde: Graunt deere Father, vnto al the students of the same, that the chiefe ende of all their studiis may be to the furtheraunce of thy Churche, and maintenance of the common wealth. Bless their studies, deere Father, that all vaine studies set aside, they may so fructifie and profite in all profitable & godly seiches, that hereafter they may become profitable members in thy church, & godly vpholders of the comon wealth.

Grant, good Lord, to al the whole Commons of this Realme, that their hartes being touched with a sincere feare and reuerence of thy heavenly Maiestie, acknowledging thy mercie in placing ouer them a Godly Prince, they may euerly one

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in their callings, walke in all tru and humble obedi-
gence vnto her, in thee and for thee without resis-
tance, tumults, insurrections, conspiracies, or rebel-
lions: knowing that to resist the higher powers, is
to rebell against thy Maiesie. Finally we beseeche
thy goodnesse so guide & governe the hartes of all
y whole Realme of euery degree, y euery one in his
calling, being by thy grace supported, may so occu-
py his talent, that thy Glorie in all thinges may be
aduanced, thy Churche enlarged, and this whole
Realme into sincere Godlinesse vertuously redu-
ced.

Moreover we beseech thee (O Lord our God)
in mercie behold all those which suffer persecution
for thy gloriouse wordes sake, whither it be impris-
onment, death, or banishment, or whatsoeuer
else: strengthē them good Lord, y they having thee
always before their eyes, and the glorie laide vp for
the in y life to come, may continue constant in de-
fending thy truch, without feare of man or vaine hu-
lurementes of the world, y whether it come by life
or death, they may glorifie thy Holy name in con-
tinuing in y trueth to the end. Preserue in like man-
ner we beseech thee, all others thy children, whom
it hath pleased thee with any other kinde of crosse
to chasten for their amendment, whither by pesti-
lence, famine, warre, pouertie, imprisonment, sick-
nesse or banishment, trouble of conscience, vexati-
on of spirit, disquietnesse of minde, want of spiri-
tuall comforte, or whatsoeuer kinde of affliction
of body or mindes, thou doest tri them with:

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that by thy holy spirit being fully assured, that thou by this thy correction mindest to call them backe to a feeling of their sinne, and due consideration of their life and conuersation, that they may patiently abide thy Fatherly trial, looking for aide, help, and comfort from thee, when it seemeth most conuenient to thy godly wisedome: and beeing by thy merciful hande once deliuered, may acknowledge thy singular power & worke, giueing al laude and praise to thy glorious Name: and afterwards, at the dayes of their life, studie to liue before thee in sinceritie and perfect holinesse, euen to their liues ende. Amen.

Morning prayer for private hou-

ses and Families.

○ Gratiouse God, and louing Father, according to thy commaundement, wee do here presente our selues before thy Maiestie, humbly prostrating our selues before thy thron of mercy, acknowledging and confessing from the bottome of our hearts that wee be miserable sinners, daily breaking thy commandements, both in thought, woord, and deede, wherein wee iustly deserue everlasting damnation, and to bee vtterly throwne from thy presence: yet, O Lorde, wee see thy goodnesse againe towardes vs, who not suffering vs thus to perishe in our sinnes, hast sent thine owne deere Sonne Iesus Christ, to take vpon him whatsoeuer is due, to reconcile & make vs at one with thee againe: In him therfore

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therefore good Lord, and through him do we
come vnto thee, beseeching thee for his sake, that
wee feeling the greeuousnesse of our sinnes, and
groneing vnder the burden of them, may feele
the release and easse of them, in that we be through
thy holie Spirit assured, and stedfastly beleue, that
Christ hath borne the burden of them, euē for vs.
Graunte, O Lorde, that we beeing assured hereof
in our consciences, may through thy holy Spirite
be renued in the inner man, to hate, deteste and ab-
horre sinne, and to studie to liue according to thy
blessed will during our whole life.

Wee do not onely pray for our selues, but also
for all thy whole Church, especially suche as bee
persecuted for thy woordē graunte vnto them, that
whither it be by death or life, they may glorifie thy
Name to their liues ende. Bee mercifull to this
Churche of Englande and Irelande, wee beseeche
thee good Lord, and preserue every part and mem-
ber of the same, especially thy Seruaunte Elizabeth
our Queene: graunt her all such giftes as bee neede-
ful for so high a calling, to the aduaancement of thy
Glory, and benefite of this common wealth, to the
establiſhing of a perfect gouernement of thy Church,
according to the prescript rule of thy blessed word,
to the rooting out of all superstition and reliques of
antichristē, to the gouerning of her Subiectes in all
peace and tranquilltie. Defende her, O Lord, from
all conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions, and so
woorke in the hearts of all her Subiects, that know-
ing her authoritie doth come from thy Heauenly
Majestie,

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Majestic, they may with obedient heartes humbly obey her in thee and for thee. Preserue the whole Counsell and the Magistrates of the Realme, that beeing lightened through thy holy Spirite, they may defende thy trueth, supprese wickednesse, and maintaine equitie. Beholde all the Pastours and Preachers of the woerde, blesse their laboures, increase y number of them, place ouer euery Churche a painful watchman, remoue all idle Lubbers, and confounde the power of antichriste, and turne the heartes of the people that they may bee obedient to thy truth. Bless ~~the two~~^{all} Vniuersities, Cambridge and Oxford, and all the Students of the same, with all Schooles of learning. Beholde al those that bee afflicted with any kinde of crosse, that they may profite by thy correction in newnesse of life. ~ ~ ***

Lastly, for our selues here gathered together,
we hartily craue at thy hands, that it would please
thee to make vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie, for all
thy loueing kindnesse shewed vnto vs euен from
our infancie: especially, that thou haste this present
nighte deliuered vs from all daungers both of bo-
dy and soule, whereinto many haue fallen, as wee
into like manner should haue done, if wee had not
bene stayed with thy mercifull hande: that thou
haste also graunted vnto vs so sweete and comfort-
able reste, and haste nowe presently broughte vs to
the beginning of this day. For these thinges, good
Lorde, wee yeelde vnto thee most hartie thankes,
beseeching thee to make vs more and more daily

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thankfull vnto thy Maiestie for them , and pardón
our vnthankfulnesse. And as thou hast safely pre-
serued vs vnto this present houre from al the daun-
gers of this life : so we beseeche thee continue thy
fauour towards vs this day , and the whole course
of our life. Defend vs, O Lord, that we nowe en-
tring into the affaires of this day , be not drawen a-
way with the vaine allurementes of this world, to
sinne and wickednesse : that wee walke not in the
shadowe of death, that we be not intangled in the
snares of sinne, that we stumble not at the blockes
of iniquitie, that we finally fall not into the pitte of
deathe, and destruction: but being shadowed vnder
thy winges, we may cheerfully and constantly go
on forward to the end of our course. Graunt vnto
vs, O Lord our God , that this good time whiche
thou grauntest vnto vs in this life, be not idely , or
vainely of vs consumed , but that every one of vs
may be diligently exercised in his calling this day ,
and all our life long , being assured that thou wilst
once call vs to yelde an account of our steward-
shippe: indue vs we beseeche thee, with those gifts
and graces which be needful for vs in our calling,
: & that with a pure and sincere cohscience we may
vse them to the benefite of our brethren , and dis-
charge of our owne consciences, beefore thy Ma-
iesty. We beseech thee, O Lord, that in al our con-
sultations, woordes and workes this day , and the
whole course of our life, we may always haue thee
present before our eyes, knowing that thou seest e-
uen the very deepe thoughtes of our hartes, whiche

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alwayes may be as a bridle to pull vs backe, that we
neither do, nor yet consent vnto any sinne or wic-
kednesse : but that alwayes we may be so exercised
in the affaires of this life, that we looke stil to the
end of our course, whē it shal please thee to bring vs
throught y pilgrimage of this life to our euerlasting
rest with thy deere Sonne Iesus Christe our Sau-
our. In whose name for these mercies and whatso-
ever thou knowest to be needful for vs, and for the
whole Churche, we pray vnto thee, as he himselfe
hath taught vs in his holy word, saying: Our Fa-
ther whiche art: &c.

The Lord blesse vs and sauue vs, the Lord make
his face to shine vpon vs, and be mercifull vnto vs,
the Lorde turne his fauourable countenance to-
ward vs, and graunt vs his peace. The grace of our
Lord Iesus Christe, the loue of God the Father, &
the moste comfortable fellowshippe of the holy
Ghost be with vs, preserue and keepe vs this day
and euermore. Amen.

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O Gratiouſe God & louing Father. &c. *As in the be-
ginnig of the morning prayer, reding so forth, til ye come
to this marke. ¶ * ¶ Then read this folowing for the Euening.*

Lastly, for our selues here gathered, we render
most hartie thanks to thy maiestie, O Lord, which
hast hitherto from our infancie, preserued vs by thy
mercie from all perils and daungers bothe of soule

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& bodie, whetevrnto fraile man is subiect, that thou hast sent vnto vs al things necessarie for this present life, as healthe, foode, apparel, and such like, whiche many of thy deere children doe want, being notwithstanding as preciouly bought with the pre-cious bloud of thy deere sonne, as we be, and yet lie in miserie and calamitie, oppressed with pouertie, nakednesse, imprisonment and bannishment, in which case also, deere Father, thou mightest haue brought vs, saue onely that thou dealest herein more fauourably with vs, then with them. For the which thy louing kindenesse wee giue thee hartie thankes, desiring thee, that as thou hast hitherto thus fauourably in mercie preserued vs by thy protection, and euен presently this day haft brought vs past all the daungers thereof: so we beseech thee good Lorde, in like fauour beholde vs this night, that we taking our natural rest and quietnesse may through thy protection be defended, that our bodies resting, our soules may be occupied in behol ding thy fauour and mercie towarde thy children, stil looking for the comming of our Lord and Sa uiour Iesu Christ for our full redemption. Graunt that our sleepe be not immoderate, according to the lust of our fleshe, but as muche as is sufficient to refreshe our weake nature: that beeing thus refresched, bothe the bodie and the minde may be more able to doe their severall office and function, in that vocation vwherein thou haste placed vs.

Graunt that wee laying our bodies downe to rest,

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reste, may be thereby put in minde of our long rest of deathe: that as we doe nowe lay downe our bodies in bedde, so wee may be thereby admonished, that hereafter they shalbe laide downe in graue, to bee consumed to duste, earthe, and ashes, from whence they were taken: That wee hauing this before our eyes, may be stirred vppe in minde warely to walke in this our pilgrimage, not knowing when the time shalbe of our departure, but alwayes to be founde readie with our lampes of pure faithe clearely burning, that we may be accepted to meeete the Bridegrome, when our mortall, earthly, and corruptible bodies shalbe made like to the glorious bodie of our Lord and Sauour Christ Iesu, there to reigne with him in perpetuall ioy & cōsolatiō together with al the elect children of God, continually lauding with all the heauenly multitude the glorious Maestie of thee our Lorde God and heauenly Father, in our Lord and Sauour Iesu Christ. For these and whatsoeuer else thou knowest to be needfull for vs and thy whole Chūrche, we pray vnto thee, as he himselfe hath taught vs, saying: Our Father. &c.

The Lorde blesse vs and saue vs, the Lorde make his face to shine vpon vs, and bee mercifull vnto vs: the Lord turne his fauourable countenance vnto vs, and graunte vs his peace. The grace of our Lord Iesus Christ, the loue of God the Father, and the moste comfortable fellowshippe of the Holy Ghost, be with vs, preserue and keepe vs this night and euermore. Amen.

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A prayer to bee saide before the studying or reading of holy Scripture.

O Heauenly Father, what soeuer I am, what so euer I haue, what soeuer I know, it is only by thy free grace. For by nature I am the childe of wrath, and I am not borne a newe of fleshe and bloude, neither of the seede of man, or of the will of man. Fleshe and bloude cannot reueale the mysteries of thy Heauenly Kingdome vnto mee : but by thy blessed will I am that I am, and by the same knowe I that I knowe. Therefore, O Father, do I commit into thy handes onely, my saluation. If my knowledge bee small, yet I doubte nothing but that I am the childe of thy euerlasting kingdome : and therefore by thy mightie power I shall growe (when it shall bee thy good will and pleasure) to a more full and riper knowledge, as of a more perfecte age, wherein my faith shal bee fully able to comprehend and perceiue the breadth, deapth, heighth and largeenesse of thy greate mercies and gratioues promises. But seeing, O Father, this power of full knowledge and perfecte reuelation, passeth all power naturall, and remaineth onely in thy power, and the light of thy spirite : O Lord do thou what soeuer it shall please thee, to open vnto me and all the rest of thine elect seruaunts and children, depending vpon thee, so muche of the lighte of thy countenaunce as may be moste for thy Glorie and our comforte, yea, and at suche time as shall seeme good to thy wisedome and

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& fatherly mercie, In the meane while thus resting
 wholy vpō thee, neither can I despaire, neither wil
 I be to much careful, althogh I cannot attaine to the
 knowledge of many of thy works, neither to the vn-
 derstanding of many places of thy scriptures. But I
 will confesse vnto thee the weakenesse of my faith,
 waiting alwais for the further reucaling of thy glo-
 rious light to be vttered vnto me thy poore seruant,
 when thou shalt thinke (of thy fatherly beneuolence
 and goodnesse) meete and conuenient. I knowing
 moste assuredly that thou wilt pitie my weake im-
 becillitie and childishe infancie, and cause the same
 to serue for thy glorie, and my greate commoditie:
 seeing that I erre as a childe before such a Father,
 which canst not put off thy fatherly pitie and com-
 passion, but rather as thou haste bought mee vnto
 thee, to be an heire of the kingdome by the bloud of
 thy naturall sonne my Sauiour Iesuſ Christ: so am
 I sure that thou wilt lighten me in the end with full
 fruition of the brighte lighte of thy countenaunce,
 that I may see thee and know thee as this thy sonn
 knoweth thee: yea, see thee and knowe thee my
 Father face to face, and knowe as I am knownen.
 Thus reste I onely in thy handes (O my God) cra-
 uing of thee to increase my knowledge in thy ho-
 ly woordē, wherby I may know thy good wil and
 pleasure. And knowing the same, giue me, O Lord
 thy holie Spirit to conduct & leade me in the same
 al the dayes of my life, that in sinceritie of faith, and
 purenesse of liuing and conuersation, thy glorious
 Maicstie may be magnisfied in me for euer. Graunt
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this, O Father, for thy deerely beeloued Sonne our saviour Iesus Christe, to whome with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour, glorie and prayse, world without ende. Amen.

Prayers and thankes giuinges to bee

saide before and after meate.

Prayer before meate.

O Lorde our God and Heauenlie Father, in thy beeloued Sonne Iesus Christe, woorke in our heartes true repentance, with increase of a true and liuely faith: make vs thankfull vnto thy Maiestie for all thy benefites whiche wee continually receive at thy mercifull hand: graunte vs the grace, that wee may at this presente with thankfull hearts as from thy hands receive meate and drinke for the sustenance of our bodies, with moderatiō vse them to thy Glorie, and through thy blessing, receive by them perfect nourishment: and aboue all we craue at thy handes, good Lorde, the heauenly foode of our soules, whiche never perisheth; that through thy gratioues goodnes, we may be nourished & strengthe ned both in soule and body to eternall life, through Iesus Christ our Sauiour. Amen.

Thankesgiuing after meate.

ETernall God, and mercifull Father, wee yelde vnto thee mooste heartie thankes for al thy benefites so plentifully bestowed vpon vs: especially that thou haste at this presente fedde and nourished our mortall bodies with meate and drinke: wee be-
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Seeche thee in like maner let our soules feele the sweete taste of thy heauenly foode, that wee beeing fedde and nourished at thy hands, both in soule and body, may in this life walke as it becommeth thy children, &c in the life to come, be received to thine eternall Kingdome of glorie, through Iesus Christ our Lorde and Sauiour, Amen.

A Prayer beefore meate.

O Mercifull and Heauenly Father, who giuest foode to euery liuing creature, and without whome nothing can liue, blesse and sanctifie our meates and drinke, whiche we are nowe about to receiue, that they may turne to the nourishmente of our bodies, whereunto thou haste appointed them: that we acknowledging thy gratiouse goodnesse in prouiding so liberally for our bodies, may with cheerful heartes be lifted vp earnestly to long after the foode of our soules, whereby wee may be fedde eternally, through Iesus Christ our Sauiour. Amen.

A thanksgiving after meate,

O Heauenly Father, for these thy benefites wherewith thou haste now sufficiently fedde our bodies, we beseech thee make vs thankfull: And as we feele the sweetnesse of them pleasant to our bodies: so wee beseech thee, good Lorde, that the foode of our soules may be as pleasante and comfortable vnto our soules, and that we may with as careful harts prouide for the nourishmēt of our soules, as we are careful for our bodies, til it shal please thy Maiestie to bring vs to the place, where we shal never hunger nor thirste more, but liue eternally through Christe our Sauiour. Amen.

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A Prayer before meate.

O Lord our God & heauenly Father, which haste prouided meate and drinke for the nourishment of our bodies, giue vs grace to vse them reverently as from thy handes with thankfull heartes. And as wee do greatly hunger and thirste for this foode of our bodies, so wee beseech thee, good Lord, that our soules may earnestly hunger after the like food and nourishment, that with earnest minds we may seeke to haue our soules fedd and refreshed eternally, through our only Lord & Sauour Iesus Christ. So be it.

A Thankesgiuing after meate.

VVonderfull is thy prouidence, O Lorde, in preseruing all liuing creatures. Graunte vs grace wee beseech thee, that with thankfull harts wee may acknowledge thy bountifull goodnesse, so liberally giuing vnto vs al things needful: espe- cially feeding vs so plentifully at this presente with thy manifolde blessings whereof a greate many of our brethren are destitute, as in like maner we shuld be, if thou diddest not deale more liberally with vs: graunt vs therefore, gratiouse Lord, that we may be thankful for this thy goodnesse, and to be mindeful of them, whiche haue not suche abundance to relieue them: that being all members of one body, we may at length reigne with our heade Christe, to whome be al honour and glorie woerlde without ende. Amen.

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A thankesgiuing after the receiuing of our bodily
sustenance, & reading of some part of Gods
holy word our spiritual foode.

O Lord our God the onely giuer of al good gifts,
who of thy great mercies hast made vs partakers
bothe of the Heauenly gyttes of thy holy
worde, to feede our mindes, and of thine earthly
creatures for the necessarie sustenance of our weake
bodies: graunt we beseeche thee that through thy
grace, these thy gifts may be made perfect vnto vs:
giue strength vnto our meate, that it may be our
healthful nourishment, not to breed in vs any car-
nall desire of our vaine life, but to enable our bodies
to all good workes during the time of this pre-
sent pilgrimage, that so thy good creatures may be
our goodreliefe, so long as thou wilst, and so muche
as thou knowest to be expediet for vs thy seruants,
to finishe our dayes which thou hast numbred, in
the edifying of thy saintes, and glorifying of thy
Holy Name. And because (O Lord) we know no-
thing of our selues, but our ignorant hartes are full
of darknesse, therfore we beseech thee that this thy
Worde (whiche is thine eternal wisedome) that
nowe we haue read, (& wherein wee haue had our
conference) may be in our minds a shining light of
thine onely trueth, and in our heartes a fruitlefull
seede of our newe birth, so that thine owne Image
may be happily againe restaured in vs, and we may
be made before thee a holie and righteous people,
by the inward working of thy gratiouse spirite, dai-

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ly strengthening our heartes in earnest loue of thy trueth , and carefull obedience of thy commandementes , through Iesus Christe our only Mediator, who in the sacrifice of his owne bodie, hathe purchafed vnto vs all thy fauour, and hath giuen vs this boldenesse to call vpon thee: vnto whom (O. Father) with thee and the holy Ghost , be all honour and glorie world without end. Amen.

E.D.

A prayer for all times.

O Lorde God Father of mercie and God of all consolation, without whome we haue neither hope nor comfort, we poore wretches and miserable sinners beseeche thee of thy fatherly goodnesse to looke vpon vs , and so make vs partakers of thy gratiouse goodnesse, that we may stil increase in all goodnesse, so that euermore we may set forth thine honour and glorie : let our conuerstation be suche, that a greate many beholding our good woorkes, may glorifie thee our heavenly Father : and so direct our wayes, that we may holde foorth the profession of thy Gospel as a lanthorne to lighten the steps of a great many, that they may turne to thee, and praise thy name in their visitation . Thus (O Lord) we beseeche thee to deale with vs , that in dede we may be yessels of honour vnto thee, now to set forth y^e praise of thy name, & after this transitorie life, to behold thy Glorie, who hast immortallie alone, & dwellest in light y^e no man hath approached vnto: remoue farr fro^m vs our sins & iniquities, that they may not separate betweene ys and thee :

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blot out of vs our offences, and make our prayers righteous, that thou maiste fauourably graunt our requestes: looke vpon vs with thy fauourable mercie, that thou mayst haue pittie vpon vs, and behold vs in the righteousnes of thy beloued sonne Christ Iesu, & y^e we may be presēted faultlesse in thy sight: and thou accepting vs as holy, wee may finde the grace euermore to set forth thine honour and glorie, and to speake of thy praises in the middes of all thy people. Let vs loue (O Lord) the thinges that are good, and hate the thinges that are euill: let vs delight in all thinges that may please thee, and let vs be grieved with whatsoeuer is displeasant in thy sight. And to the intent wee may haue true vnderstanding & be able to discerne betweene things, what is good or euil, we beseech thee let thy word dwel plentifully in vs, which may guide our vnderstandinges so, y^e we may abound in al knowledge, and do according to that which is righteous. And in this estate of true Christianitie, being instructed in minde, & readie in bodie to all holy obedience, we beseech thee make vs to growe & increase from grace to grace, from faith to faith, vntil wee come vnto the fulnesse of age to be perfecte members of the bodie of Christe, wayting for the blessed hope of thine electe, and sighing in spirite vntil the time that thy children shalbe revealed. In the meane season let vs sigh with al those that haue receiued the firste fruites of thy Spirite, that these dayes of sinne may cease, that satan be troden downe vnder feete,

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that antichrist may bee reuealed, yet to manie thou sandes that be in ignoraunce, that the number of thine electe may be full, the bodie of thy Sainctes made perfect, all teares wiped from our eyes, euen than when the Sonne shal appeare again the second time to iudge the quicke and the dead, whiche time (O Lord) send quickly, according to thy good wil, and teache vs to pray with all thy Sainctes, Come Lord Iesu, come quickly: graunt this (O Father) for thy Sonnes sake, in whose name wee pray vnto thee. And although we be but earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say vnto thee, (the God of all Glorie) euen as he hath taught vs. Our Father which art in Heaven. &c.

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A prayer for all estates.

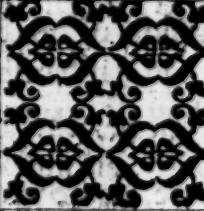
O Lord God Father of light, with whome is no change, neither yet shadow of change, but hast established thine apointed couisels, which shal not be changed for euer: thou (O God) hast made among vs this diuersitie of estates & degrees, according as euery comon wealth requireth, keepe vs all, we beseeche thee, that we may walke obediently in our calling, and followe the stappes that thou haste set before vs, euen from the highest to the lowest, let vs accomplishe that duetie vnto whiche thou haste appointed vs, and with a faithfull remembrance of thy promise made of olde to our Father Abraham, that thou art his exceeding great reward, we may likewise

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likewise depend on thy prouidence, & seeke not any shameful wayes to get our liuing, wandring from thy righteousnesse of our vocation, into the manifolde errors of sinne & iniquitie: looke vpon vs (O Lord) & inrich vs with thy grace, make vs obediet to our inferiours, meeke towardes our enimies, faithful to our freendes, true and iust towardes all men, that wee may dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine electe, vntil thou shalt make an ende of all our labours: looke vpon our moiste excellent Queene, and her Honourable Counsel, and as thou hast called them to the highest roome, so giue vnto them the greatest measures of grace, that they faithfully dispence the talentes committed vnto them: leade them with the good king Dauid into thy Sanctuarie that they may see thy louing kindenesse which is better then life, and say with the Prophet: Al flesh is grasse, and the glorie of man is as the flower of the fielde, and so consecrate themselues to do thy wil, offer vp their bodies to be holy, liuely, and reasonable sacrifices vnto thee, that they may be nurseries and nourissathers vnto thy Churche: looke also we beseech thee vpon thy ministers whome thou haste appointed to the pteaching of thy Gospell, make them (O God) faithfull dispensers of thy mysteries, without respecte of persons to doe the worke vnto the whiche thou hast appointed them, that they may conuert sinners, and haue their glorie perfecte in the day of Christ: and knit vs together in peace and loue, that we may be full of compassion one towardes an other, to rejoyce with them
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that reioyce, and mourne with them that mourne,
especially to instruct one another in the wayes of
righteousnesse, that by our mutuall healpe we may
the better withstande our enimie, and dwell, safe in
hope of thine electe, till our dayes shall bee full, and
we shall walke the wayes of all the worlde, whiche
time wee beseeche thee bring vs happily vnto, euer
for thy Sonnes sake wee beseech thee, to whome
with thee and the holy Ghost three persons & one
God, be all honour and glorie nowe and for euer
more. Amen. Amen.



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A fourme of Morning prayer necessarie for
~~the present time for Godly Christians, to use~~
~~in their houses and families.~~

VEr moste humbly thankē thee (O Heavenly Father) for the sweete and quiet rest that we haue had this night, for the louing and fauourable deliuerance out of all daungers bothe of bodie and soule, which we iustly deserued to be throwne into for our manifolde sinnes: for that thou hast raised vs upp this morning, we pray thee to go before vs: and for as muche as thou feest our sluggishnesse and drowninges, it woulde please thee (good Lord) to pull vs after thee, and to shewe vs those wayes, whiche thou hast appointed vs to walke in. And as thou renuest this morning, so renue thy mercies: and as thou causest the Sunne comfortably to shine to our bodily eyes, so vouchesafe (we pray thee) to be Sun vnto our bodies and to our soules, by the bearmes of thy holy Spīt, and Starr of thy blessed Word, shining into the middes of our hartes, to drive away all the night and darkenesse of all prophane-nesse: to chase away all want of true feare of thy good Maiestie: and in place thereof, bring in loue towardes thy Glorie, zeale of thy Hōuse, loue also towardes our bretheren: especially those that thou aboue the rest commiendest vnto vs, that we may loue them with that loue, wherewithall thou hast first loued vs: whiche is pure, vncorrupt, vehement, and euerlasting: and therefore wee pray thee

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to ridde our hartes of al naughtie and corrupt loue,
and whatsoever is vnmeet to be in those vessels
that are to serue such a mightie Prince as thou art:
and in those houses wherein it pleaseth thy Majes-
tie by thy holy Spirite to dwel: and therefore on
the other side (good Lord) chace away from ys all
rancor and malice, all pride, enviousnesse, disdaine-
fulnessse, yncharitablenesse, ynnaturalnesse, ynkind-
nesse, and whatsoeuer is contrarie to that loue,
whereof thou hast giuen vs a lively example in our
Saviour Iesus Christ: vnto y which example graunt
(good Lorde) that we may alwayes haue our eyes
lifted vpp, and therein holden, and caused thereby
to profit vntil such time as we come to that per-
fection, whereunto thou hast appointed we shall
come. Vouchsafe moreover by the comming of
the selfe same Spirite, to scatter in vs al the night &c
darkenesse of ignorance and forgetfulnesse, and of
all those thinges whiche perteine to the clearer and
fuller knowledge of thy truthe. Take from vs all
negligence, all want of judgement and discretion,
and deliuer vs from all those thinges, whiche thou
knowest to be hindraunces to vs, either to walke
in that greate calling of Christianitie whereto
thou hast called vs, or in those seuerall and particu-
lar callinges wherein thou hast placed every one of
vs: that we may walke so (good Lorde) bothe in
the one and in the other, that thy Name may bee
glorified in bothe. Amen. And with this mode vnde-
rwritten, Iohn 30, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 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Evening prayer.

Lord prepare our hertes to praye, bow downe
thine eyes (deere Father) and heare vs, open
thine eyes and looke vpon vs for thy deere Sonne
Iesus Christes sake, and receive our humble con-
fession that we make to the against our selfes, whi-
ch haue broken al thy lawes, and therfore deserue
to haue thy hearie judgements poured vpon our
heads to our vtter destruction, if thou shouldest
enter into judgement with the least of our sinnes,
whereof we haue so greate and infinite thousands:
notwithstanding, we pray thee to turne away thy
face from our sinnes, and for Iesus Christes sake to
forgiue vs all that is past, and graunt that we may
haue the assurance of the forgiuenesse of our sinnes,
sealed vp by thy Holy Spirite in our consciences,
wherby w knowing that we are at one with thee,
may haue our hertes kindled with thy loue so fer-
uently, as it may waite in vs all that is against thy
holy Will. And for this cause we beseech thee,
Lord, to goe forwarde with the worke of our new
bythe, that thou haft begunne in vs, and never take
away thy hand, vntill suche time as thou haft made
an end of it: and to this ende, we beseeche thee to
slay in vs euery day, more and more, the olde man
with his concupisences, nailing them to the crosse
of thy deere Sonne Iesus Christ: and causing vs to
feel the power of his Passion in our bodies and in
our soules, that we beeing partakers thereof, may

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come also to the felowshipp of his holy Resurrection : not only in that we shal once appeare before thee, hauing these our base bodies chaunged, and made like vnto his Glorious bodie; but also that we may in the meane time rise from the deathe of sinnes to all newnesse of life; and that our good workes may so shine before men, that they seeing them may glorie in us our Heavenly Father: not only they that are of the selfe same religion with vs, but those also that are enemis vnto thy meetyng, may rather in the time of their calling by the voice of thy Gospel, yelde them selues to be ondsheepe folde with vs. And we most humbly thank thee (O Heavenly Father) for all thy loving kindeenesse bestowed vpon vs from time to time, and especiallly for that olde and auncient loue, wherewithall thou hast loued vs before the beginning of the worlde: for that also that thou calling vs by the voice of thy holy Gospel in that good time that thou appointedst for vs, haft given vs faith, hope, & loue, and all other graces which thou knowest to be needfull for vs: whiche we beseeche thee to increase in vs with mightie increases, according to that thou seest we haue neede of, hauing regard vnto our manifolde enemis; that we haue to wretche with: and that we haue not to striue with flesh and bloud, but against the diuels themselves. And therfore considering their strength and our weaknesse, their craft and our simplicitie, their watchfullnesse and our sluggishnesse, their long experiance & our rawnesse, their preparation and our nakednesse, &

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that we have not only nothing to helpe vs, but also
do carrie about vs our own concupisances, readie to
betray vs into the handes of our enemis, it may
please thee to furnishe vs from aboute, gowing vs the
strength of thy holy Spirite, in the inner man, rea-
ching vs the compleate harmesse of thy Grace,
wherewith we being armed on bothe sides, may be
prepared at all assayes againste all assaultes of our
enemis. And for as moche as in this weake chese
we afferten to give hooke, and so intowmes funne a-
way, we pray thee (O Lorde) that with the hande
of Faith, we may lay holde on the vistorie of our
Saviour Iesus Christ: that albeit wee be not able
to valuerate in our gynt persons, yeyndewis-
standing we may digne us in His, who hath so
uncommied for vs alby and for the partakers of those
promises that thou haft alredy vined that glorious vic-
tory: And wee moste humbly thank thee also for
thes bothe graces both of the bodie & soule which per-
tained this present life, desirynge ther to increase
them yþourys, and in les, so fadre forth as thys seel
we haue neede of to thy Glorie, the commodite of
others, and our owne comfortes: therfore we be-
seech thee, Lorde, to teache vs with thy holy Spi-
rite the dawfulnes of them: that they wylde not
suffer our hartes to be rooted in them, but that at all
times we may be willing to parte from them. And
whensoever it shal please thee to call for vs, we may
willingly goe unto thee, as children to their deare
Fathers, strangers vnto their owne Country, and
members of the bodie, vnto their Heade, and so
adde.

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richeth the gladdeth: by howe muche thou Lord art better then all the men in the worlde, and the Kingdome that thou haste prepared, better then all the Kingdomes therof.

*An addition to the former morning praise as
ever and lesse shall serve*

V. V. E pray not onely for our selues (O moste merciful Father) but for all those that thou haste appointed to let (shall) life bezeching theron gather the number of those that are to be gathered: those that thou haste alredy called, thou wouldest alwayes keepe and to this end (good Lord) raise vs faischall Ministers boord of thy Churche and domine my wcale, whose heates shal wouldest fill with all Graces of thy holy Spittit meete for their callings, meete also for thicke dangerous times: roote out from among thy Churche all rauching and deuoying Beastes, whiche to fill their oyne bellies, destroy thy flocke: easeth thy selfe of al binchings and idle shepheardes, whiche haue no care nor skill to feede thy flocke with the holesome foode of thy blessed wordes, nor to rule them with that equitie wherewithall thou wylle haue thy people to be ruled: shose Pastors that thou haste given, it woulde please thee to increase the number of them: those that are fallen a sleepe and carried away with the corruptions of shiche times, that thou wouldest awake, letting them understand the charge that thou haste committed vnto them, the truthe that thou

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haste put them in, and the accompt that thou wylle
take at their handes. Be gratioues (O Lorde) vnto
this Lande of ours, and enter not into iudgement
with the horrible sinnes of it, namely, the contempt
and lighte esteeming of thy holy Woord, so ma-
ny yeares offered vnto vs, and wee beeing trusted
withall, so many Nations better then wee beeing
passed by, whiche woulde haue broughte forth the
fruite thereof more then wee haue done: and wee
not onely haue broughte forth no good fruite, but
rotten and vnsauourie, to prouoke thy Maisticie
withall: not withstanding all these our sinnes, it
woulde please thee in that loue wherewithall thou
hast firste loued vs, when wee hated thee, and in
that long patience wherein thou haste hitherto
borne with vs, and doest yet beare, and tarriest for
our repentance: to graunt vs hearty and earnest re-
pentance, our heartes beeing effectually touched
with thy holy Spiriit, striking these rocky heartes
of ours, that they may be reolued into riuers of
teares for our sinnes, making them soft and meeke
to receiue the print of thy holy Woord, and seale
of thy blessed Spiriit, writing with thy finger thine
owne lawes in them, so that thou mayest reade
thine owne hande, acknouledge thine owne seale,
and so passe by vs, when thou shalt bring thy iudg-
mente vpon the face of the Earthe, for the ini-
quities thereof: whereof thou haste given, and still
givest, from time to time diuers tokenes, which we
beseeche thee may be profitable vnto vs, whiles
firste of all we acknowledge thy hand striking vs,
and

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and my counsell calling vs thereby to repentaunce,
that thy heauier iudgements do not fall vppon vs
to our utter destruction.

Moreover, wee charake thee O Lord, for that
it hath pleased thet to bee the warche man, and as
it were the spie of this Churche & comon wealth,
and hast foreseen all the stormes, and treasons
commynge against it, and againste thine anointed
our souerayne wher thou in mercy hast appoint-
ed to tucke out it, and hast scattered them and
broughte them to noughte, and hast pursued cer-
taine of thine enemis and oures vnto death; be-
seaching thee to continue this watchful and careful
eye vnto vs, still to do vs good, and to puttue the
rest of thine enemis and oures vnto the gracie, gi-
ving notwithstanding repentaunce vnto them, vnto
whome thou hast lete place of repentaunce. And
to this ende, raise vp the heartes of our moste
Gracious Queene and her honorabile Counsell
thy Magistrates, that as they liue in thy seale, and
are called by thy Name, so they may execute thy
justice, which thou so wel approuest of, wherof al-
so thou wylle require a streighte accompte at their
handes. Wee desire thee also to shewe these thy
Graces to all other Churches of thine, namely thy
Churche of Scotland, that it may enjoy that peace
that thou hast given it: and graunce that the same
bee referred to that end wherefore thou hast giuen
it: namely to the full establishmente of the thone
of thy deere Sonne our Saviour Iesu Christ, and
to the building of his Kingdome there. Wee be-
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seeche thee also for the Churches, which thy hand
hathe planted long since: especially those, from
whome we haue receiued knowledge in time of
our ignorance, places of refuge in time of persecu-
tion: that it would please thee to continue thy lo-
ving kindenesse towarde them, and therfore cause
them to continue their faith towarde thee, and o-
bedience towarde thy holy Word. And whenso-
ever it shalbe thy pleasure, to trie them with any
kynge of affliction, it woulde please the to graunt
vnto them, that they may put their trust in thee, ha-
ving regard to the trueth of thy promises, and to
the good experiance that they haue of thy helpe in
times past, and thereby conceiue comforte & hope
(O Lord) euuen of life in deathe, and of Saluation
in destruction. We pray the also (good Lord) that
we may haue the feeling of the miseries of our
Brethren, as members of the same bodie, and those
that liue by the same Spirite. And therefore we
pray thee, that according to the manifolde troubles
that thou shalt yisite them with, it woulde be thy
good pleasure, to measure out thy grace in such
plentiful manner, that thy children may patiently
beare, & ioyfully attend, for the good houre wher-
in thou wilt pull them out of al their troubles. And
especially wee pray thy Maiestic for our Brethren
that are afflicted for thy Gospel sake: namely, those
that suffer imprisonment or otherwise in any na-
tion, for the clearer testimonie of it: that it woulde
please thee to giue them patience in all their trou-
bles, wifdome and mouthes to defende thy cause,

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against all those that rise vppe against it: that thou wouldest blesse their trauels and sufferings for that, for whiche they are taken: which is, to giue a freer course of thy Gospell into all places. And therewithal we beseech thee for the churches of Fraunce and Flaunders, whiche are so miserably racked and torne in sunder, and whiche are almoste consumed with these fiery trials: that it would please theo to looke vpon their sighings and groneings, the teares that fal from their eies continually, the bloud that is shed in al parts of the land, y bodies that lie vnburi-ed, to be meate to the foules of the ayre, and Fishes of the Sea, the lonenesse of wiues lacking their husbandes, children their Fathers, and euery freend his freende. And for asmuche as those thinges are come vpon them for thy Names sake, let it be thy good pleasure to helpe them, considering that they are forsaken of all their freendes rounde about: and therefore pray thee that thou wouldest not looke vpon our sinnes, nor the sinnes of our forefathers, whereby we deserue not onely this correction, but vtter destruction, as Sodom and Gomorra: but rather to looke vpon thy mercies which were before them: whereby thou hast saide, that although wee doe offend, and thou doest correct vs, yet thou wilt not take away thy mercies from vs, but wilt leaue a remnant which thou wilt multiply, and make as the Starres of the Heauen, and as the sandes of the Sea. Looke also (O Lord) vpon the outrageouf-nesse and crueltie, ynfaithfulness, and blasphemie of the enimies, wherewithall they blasphemie thee, and

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and prouoke thee to thy face, and therefore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne sake, take the matter into thine owne handes, and pay into the bosomes of thine enimies double and treble of that they haue giuen to thee. Notwithstanding, those amongst them, that belong to thine holy election, hasten their calling, that afterwards thy judgement may hasten vpon the earthe, and the inhabitants theroco may learne to know thee by thy iudgements, that would not vnderstand and come to thee, by the louing calling of thy Gospel. WEE pray thee (O Lorde) for our brethren that are vp in armes in both those countries: that thou wouldest goe before them, and come behinde them, and on euery side of them: couer their heades in the day of battel, teache their handes to fight, and their fingers to warre: giue them wisedome and valiantnesse, and good successe in all their enterprises: strike a dizinessse & maaaze of spirit into the enimies harts, and take away from them all force, and disappoint al their counsels. And vpon our brethren in Flaunders, we beseeche thee that thou wouldest comfort them ouer all the troubles that they haue receiued, and breaches that haue beene made in vpon them: and where there are newe forces every day gathered, new sleights invented to destroy them, it may please thee, to scatter their forces, and bring their sleights to nothing. Yea, graunt also (O Lorde) that that which they haue deuised against thy chil-dren, may come vpon their owne heades. And for our Brethren in Fraunce wee beseeche thee (O Lord) what streights so euer they be in, thou woul-

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dest deliuer them: and although they be forsaken in the iudgement of all the world, and in their own iudgements, notwithstanding thou that haste the issues of death in thine owne handes, deliuer those that are appointed to deathe. And finally we most humbly thanke thee, for that it hath pleased thee to keepe vs this day, and al the dayes and times of our liues: beseeching thee, that thou wouldest receiue vs this night into thy holy keeping, that we may haue quiet rest, not of bodies alone, but of our soules also, resting from all those thinges that are contrarie to thy moste holy will, attending while thou raisest vs vppe in the morning, to do all those thinges that thou haste appointed vs. These things we desire of thee, and al other things (which thou knowest to be more needefull for vs, and thy whole Church, better then we ourselues do know) for Iesu Christes sake: saying the same prayer, that he himselfe hath taught vs. Our Father. &c.

A prayer for the Queene.

 Gratiouſe Lorde, and moſte merciſfull fa-
ther, we acknowledge thee the Lorde of
Lordes, and the Kinge of Kings, creating
at the beginning, and ruling all thinges e-
uermore in heauen and earthe, accordinge to thy
wondreſful wiſdome and power: and our ſelues to
be thy poore ſeruantes, the worke of thy handes, &
the ſheepe of thy paſture, ſubiected to thy highe

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Maiestie, and depending vpon thy fatherly prouidence for al thinges. Neuerthelesse, seing thou in thy wisdome annoyntest Kings and Queenes, appoyntinge them to rule ouer thy people, to sitt as Lieutenantes in thy seate, to minister iustice, and most of all, as Fathers and Nurses to mainteine & cherish thy Church: commaunding vs not onely to obey and honour them, but moreouer to pray for the, as watching ouer vs for our good: we therefore beseech thee for thy greate names sake, & for Iesus Christes sake, to shew thy mercy to all Kings and Princes, that mainteine thy glorious Gospel: but especially we praye thee to blesse our gratiouse Queene, in all spirituall blessings in Christ Iesus, and in all temporall blessings, accordinge to thy good pleasure, that in the greate measures of thy effectual ^{Love} she may more and more finde great increases of vertue, and wisdome, and strength in Christ Iesus to the faithful and happy discharge of her dutie: that her holines, and ioy, and zeale of thy house may be multiplied and euerlasting.

And, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy singular mercie, to giue her this especiall honour, firste to suffer for thy Glorious trueth, and afterward miraculously deliuering her out of the handes of her enimies, to set a Crowne vpon her heade, and to make her the instrument to aduaunce thy Glorie and Gospel, for whiche she suffered, and to bring it out of darkenesse into light, out of persecution into this great and long peace: as we giue thee most hartie thankes for this singular benefite, so wee be-

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seeche thee to make her and vs euermore thankful for it, and in thy good pleasure still to preserue her for the continuance of these blessings towardes vs, with all increase from time to time, to thy Glorie, the benefite of the Churche, and her infinite peace in Christ Iesus, the Prince of Peace. And furthermore we pray thee for her, and the estate, that such as be enimies of the Gospel, and her enimies also, for the defence thereof, may not despise the peace offered them to repentance, but that they may account thy long suffering, and her peaceable and vnblouddie gouernement an occasion of saluation to their soules, and vnfigned loue to the trueth, & their mercifull souereigne. Otherwise if they still remaine disobedient to the trueth, disobedient to her highnesse, and daungerous to the state, then (O GOD of our Saluation) as thou haste discouered them, so discouer them still, as thou haste preuented them, so preuent them still, and let their eyes waxe wearie with looking, and their harts faint with waiting for the comming of that, which yet commeth not, neither let it come (O Lord) we beseeche the, but a blessed, and a long reigne to her, and peace to Sion for euermore.

Also (deere Father) so bleſſe, so loue, so in thy Spirite sanctifie and keepe her, that shee may in the Spirite of counsell and fortitude so rule that other sister also, namely this her Common wealth, that they may flouriſh together, and growe vp together as Palme trees, in beautie, and in strength, giueing ayde and helpe one to another, that in the Churche

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Churche the Glorie of God may appeare , as the Sunne in his brightness , and that the lande may flowe with milke , and honie , and true peace abouid therin as in the triumphant reigne of Debora .

These graces (O Lord) are great , and we miserable sinners , vnworthie of the least of them : therefore looke not to vs but to thy selfe , not to our iniquities but to thy greate mercies , acceptinge the death and passion of thy sonne , as a full rausome for al our offences : throwing the into the bothome of the sea , and making his crosse and resurrection effectuall in vs to all obedience and godlines as becommeth thy Saincts , that to all other thy good blessings towarde our gratiouse Souereigne , this may be added , that she gouerneth blessedly , ouer a blessed people , a people blessed of the Lorde , and beloued of the Lorde , and that thy graces may abounde as the ~~waves~~^{waters} of the sea , in the Prince and in the people , in the Churche and in the common wealth , frō day to day , til the day of our translatiō into ſt kingdome , where iustice inhabiteth , where we also ſhal inhabite and reigne with thee , according to thy promise , for euer . Graunte vs these thinges (O mercifull father) for thy deare sonne our Lord Iesuſ Christ his ſake , in whose name we craue them at thy mercifull hande , prayinge furthermore for them , as he hath taught vs to pray .

Our father whiche art . &c .

